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N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Appearances are often more or less deceptive. A shabby coat may enwrap a North Carolina editor, while a man wearing a high silk hat and a tailor made suit may be a delinquent sub scriber.

Our thanks are due Congressman Stroud for a handsome bound copy of the last census in complete form, which has been delayed on account of the im mense amount of 'work necessary to get it up.

Mr. J. H. Atkins has recently be come editor of the Salisbury Watch man. He has had newspaper experience, is a thorough Allianceman, and foregoing was strange talk. THE PRO can't be bulldozed-just the kind of an editor every paper needs.

tion. The Washington papers say that paramount issue, but they are greatly in circulation to take the place of what Senator Sherman generally leaves the Senate Chamber when Butler rises to speak. Good. It requires a good honest speech to make Sherman act that

Postmaster General Wannamaker favored government ownership of the telegraph, and it is said that Mr. Wilson, the present Postmaster General, is also heartilly in favor of it. The is not in favor of it, however.

Our reform Senator and Congressduce good bills and make good speeches. That is the only news we have from Washington. Meantime the tools of their friends are and they will act ac cordingly.

Speaking of a scrap that occurred in Caldwell county recently 'Squire Jones, of that county, remarked: "Of course they didn't hurt each other much, as rocks and pistols." Judging from that money nor the representative of remark, Gatling guns and torpedoes must be the usual weapons employed

in that section. A belated goldbug subscriber writes to ask if we can tell him what consti tutes money. We can. Our recollec tion is that money is a little substance sometimes yellow, sometimes white, the silver now coined and available for legislature of that State and gives the often green that subscribers promise to send in exchange for their paper, but it doesn't always turn up at the appointed time.

that a man by the name of Moon was that may not be needed in the channels presented with a daughter by his wife, of trade can be stored in the vaults at and referred to it as a new moon, might | Washington and silver certificates of have been forgiven, but he went on the denominations of from \$1 up to \$10 and said that the proud papa got drunk and was a full moon, and spent all of his money except twenty-five cents, plan would simply restore to silver all which was the last quarter.

good deal of chaff, but he always says much intrinsically and commercially since his last election that he has ensomething worth wading through all as gold, in proportion-say 16 to 1. of matter to see. In his letters about comets, found on 5th page, he lays since the United States Government human nature bare. His little bon was established. Silver has often been mot about comets being a sign of at a premium-as often, perhaps, as future pestilence and Congressional gold. Any flat money about that? agislation is worth a good deal.

ALLIANCE ON THE MOVE.

We learn from the Secretary's re port that the membership of the Alliance in Rowan has increased very much since the October meeting. It shows an increase of 16 per cent in male membership and 25 per cent in female members. The Rowan county brethren are not satisfied to stop here, but are arranging to have a good lect urer canvass the county and speak at every Alliance. We also learn that there has been a general revival in Orange and some other counties. Lecturer Massey will at once begin a thorough canvass of Durham county and he promises to reorganize every Sub Alliance in the county, "if it takes all summer.

The State Executitve Committee is arranging a lecture system and will help the County Alliances in every way possible. Brethren lets all be up and doing. The bulk of the Alliance work for this year must be done right away, before the campaign opens, for then politics will be the absorbing topic. Every dormant Sub-Alliance ought to be reorganized, and nearly Do you want your paper changed to every one can be. We also believe that many of the old members can be induced to become active members again. Once more we want to say that the Alliance is as badly needed as it ever was, and is the hope of the country. Reforms always start among the farmers and must be pushed to success by them. Delays are always dangerous, but never more so than now.

> Congressman Linney, of the 8th Dis trict, says he would rather hunt pos sums than to live in Washington as a Congressman. The Honorable R. Z. Linney knows that nobody will offer to swap jobs with him, or he would not be bantering his constituents in that way. He is safe, for there isn't a man in the 8th District who would give up possum hunting to occupy the Presi dent's chair.

WHAT IS MONEY?

The editor of the Statesville Land mark lives in a very intelligent community, but his partisanism and a tendency to imbibe the plausible but false doctrines of the goldbug dailies, seems to have clogged his thinking ap

paratus to a remarkable degree. The Landmark says:

"Some little time back THE PROGRES SIVE FARMER said that 'when silver is restored to its proper place and the coinage of it resumed, times will grow better, but that is only a part of the to the county during a disastrous financial reform needed;' upon which drouth. We need silver coinage, cur-The Landmark remarked that from the tone of the Populist papers it had supposed that free coinage at 16 to 1 was to cure all our ills, and that the GRESSIVE FARMER retorts that it is not strange talk at all. 'A few papers and a good many individuals,' it says, 'have Senator Butler is making a reputal sought to make the silver question a in the minority.' 'A provision for issuing paper currency and other financial laws are needed,' we are told, and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER declares that 'we do not want to be at the mercy of the silver men any more than we want to be in the clutches of the gold men.

From this any of our Democratic friends may see that their hope of get ting on the good side of the Populists by merely advocating the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is illusive. Years ago the late Col. L. L. Western Union Telegraph Company | Polk said that the free coinage of silver was all well enough in its way; was good enough as far as it went, but that it would add only 50 cents per capita men from this State continue to intro- to the circulation, and therefore did not go far enough; that what is needed is flat money. Now his successor in the editorship of The Progressive Farmer tells us substantially the same thing. Wall street gnash their teeth and make It is for free silver, but its thoughts faces at our boys. The people see who turn longingly to 'paper currency' and it speaks in injured accents of 'stopping the printing presses used for getting

out paper currency. In the Populist idea of finance free coinage is merely a starter. Irredeemable paper currency in unlimited quantities is the final goal. People who ever stop to think at all should be able to they had nothing to fight with except see that such a currency is neither

money. The Landmark is correct in one particular. Free coinage of silver is only a "starter." Just what amount of circulation it would add to the present per capita, we are not able to say, but it would add something every year. It is claimed by some statisticians that all son of Kentucky breaks the tie in the than \$7, or one seventh of the actual Republicans therefore will elect a Recirculation needed per capita. If silver be restored to coinage as it was prior to The law-breaking editor who wrote 1873, and that is what we want, all or \$20 may be circulated, they being more convenient than silver coin. That the privileges gold now has, and in a The writings of Bill Nye contain a short time silver would be worth as Such was the case in 1873, in fact ever

silver is only worth 65 cents an ounce now. Granted. Restore it to its rightful place as a money metal and begin the coinage of it and see how quickly it will jump to par. Diamonds are very precious, very valuable. Cut off the demand for them, legislate against them, restrict them, and you will soon see the price down one half, or in pro

portion to the call for them. But we do favor flat money, if it is needed. The government, by order of Cleveland, has issued, or will have by the 5th of February, \$362,000,000 worth of bonds in a little over twelve months. They are as much flat as anything possibly can be, yet the Landmark and other goldbug sheets say not a word against them. The government could have issued \$362,000,000 in currency just as well, or three times the amount, if necessary, and it would have been far better for the people and for the government, for the currency would have been non interest bearing, and could have been redeemable in 'coin,' which is the law now in regard to treasury notes, and which means gold or silver, though that arch traitor Carlisle construes it to mean gold. Such a course would have opened the way for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at once, though no further excuse is needed. The government would have been its own creditor. As it now stands Rothschilds and his kind are the the creditors.

But the Landmark and other news

papers that allow the bankers' syndicate to do their thinking for them, can't see why we need money to do the business of the country. We need it just as much as the Landmark needs a certain amount of ink to print an issue of the paper. One pound of ink will print some papers, but soon the roller will be dry. The Landmark will exclaim: "Why, there is plenty of money. It can be borrowed in New York at 3 per cent." Same way about fire. There is plenty of fire in hades, but it doesn't tion to put down monopolies and pre- printers who set the type for Mrs. Arvent as far as possible the congestion rington's little paper, were also fined monopolies have headquarters in New money in New York and the other centres was scattered around it would not printing was done. We are getting be more than a hundred drops of rain | ready for the millenium. rency printing, and effective anti mo nopoly laws, which, of course, includes banks, the greatest monopoly on earth. We are not communists, and do not expect the monopolists to divide up their ill gotten gains, but as sensible, reason able people, we want more money put was once in circulation, money that will stay in circulation, money that will not be hoarded, for the gold has always been hoarded, and is never in circulation to any great extent. If no other argument were needed, the fact that the population of the United States has nearly doubled in the past 30 years, ought to be a sufficient reason for increasing the circulation. If we have not made it plain enough, will be pleased to try to answer any questions the Landmark may wish to propound.

Hurrah! for Foraker. Mr. J Foraker was elected to succeed Senator Brice in the United States Senate last week by the Onio legislature. Senator Foraker made a speech just after his election, and after thanking the legislature said: "I am a bimetallist." The demonetization of silver was the greatest mistake the world ever made." At last Ohio is getting her eyes open. Now if she had Senator Sherman out of the way it would be a right respectable State." We hope Senator Foraker will not desert his principles.

MR. CLEVELAND VS. DEMO-CRACY.

The Wilmington Dispatch, Dem

has this to say of the President: "The death of Representative Wilpublican to succeed Senator Black-

"For more than twenty five years the State of Kentucky has been solidly Democratic, giving majorities during that time over the Republicans all the way from thirty to sixty thousand ulent assignment act. That paper has votes. Cleveland has turned the scale misunderstood. We have never said

claims to be a Democrat. "Mr. Cleveland during the few years joyed official power has done more to destroy Democratic unity and ruin the party to which he claims to be a member than all the Reeds, McKinley's and Shermans that have hurled anathemas and abuse against it during the whole The Landmark will probably say that | time of its existence,"

PICKED JURIES.

One of the most rotten bits of dry rot on the face of this beautiful earth to-day is the several Boards of County Commissioners in North Carolina. Not satisfied with favoritism, with aiding in partisan election deviltry, they are controlling the courts of the State to a large extent. In more than eight cases out of ten you will find from nine to eleven Democrats on every court jury The grandjuries are made up in about the same proportion. Yet the Populist and Republican voters in the State number almost two to one of Democrats. In a number of instances we are told that special men are picked out when it is known that certain trials will come off during a certain court. These men have plenty of partisan hatred and in numerous instances 'professional" jurors are selected This is a terrible state of affairs, and is a problem that the people of the State must solve somehow. It is no use for county commissioners to deny this. It has been proven time and again by their own acts that they have helped to steal elections by selecting the most ignorant or unscrupulous members of the opposing party as judges of elections, and by building "bull pen" voting places and numerous other black schemes to aid in "counting out." Men who will aid in such outrageous parti san unfairness and deviltry, cheating men out of their most sacred privilege, will not hesitate to violate their oaths and "pick" juries, or adopt any other methods to interfere with equal and exact justice in the courts. Picked men for grand juries have prevented the punishment of many men who practiced fraud in the election of 1894 The county commissioners' system must be abolished as soon as possible. No one party ought to be entrusted with such sacred privileges, with so many chances to wrongfully use the power given them.

of money in certain localities. All the and taxed with cost. Strange that the court didn't harness up the postoffice turer who sold the ink with which the apply in this case.

COMPLIMENTS BUTLER.

The Chicago Record, the leading ng Democratic paper in that city, had this to say of one of our Senators recently:

"Senator Butler turns out to be quite bright young man, and during the rough and tumble debate in the Senate yesterday made a favorable impression. It is not customary for a senatorial freshman to speak during the first term of his service, but Mr. Butler was compelled to violate the rule to answer an attack made upon him by pany in Swain county, is in the hands Mr. Harris of Tennessee. When Mr. Harris explained in his most impres sive tones that he had not accepted an invitation to attend a conference of the silver men in the Senate, because he never had belonged and never would belong to a party based upon a single of assets unknown. The firm was for idea, Mr. Butler jumped up, and point ing his forefinger at the venerable Senator from Tennessee, replied that it day. would be a good thing for the country if the party to which Mr. Harris be longed had even one idea-'just one.' Everybody laughed, and the fiery Ten nesseean was too much astonished at to get some dollars good in Europe. the impetuosity of the young Senator from North Carolina to make a reply."

Having gotten out of anything else to talk about, the plutocratic press has before them. However, if these newsthey will find that Senator Butler will have to live nearly three years longer clothing. Chicago, have assigned. They before he will arrive at the Constitu- owe \$300,000 (sound.) coinage would not amount to more Republicans a majority of one. The tional age provided for and required The failure of the Solicitors' Trust in such cases.

"PUT UP OR SHUT UP." YOUR SELF.

The News and Observer calls upon THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER "to put up Chicago, Ill., assigned on the 16th. or shut up" in the matter of the fraud. They wanted honest money and got it, a Republican A. P. A. combination known." Again we say: "Appear- have got sound money, however. ances are very much against it (the the party, not the whole party.

very bitter towards Messrs. Satterfield great extent.

and Brown ever since they were charged with the crime. That paper says it was not a political prosecution. We think it was. In our opinion nothing has been clearly proven against either Brown or Satterfield. The evidence was very weak circumstantial evidence. We have no fault to find with the character of any of the wit nesses, but they didn't swear to any thing, so far as we are able to see, sufficient to fasten the crime on anybody. But the jury thought otherwise and

acted accordingly. The first count in the bill of indict ment read as follows: "That they willfully, negligenly and unlawfully permitted the enrollment of the tabled bill." Satterfield was found guilty on the first count and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250. The second count read: "That they willfully, corruptly and unlawfully procured the enrollment of the bill." Mr. Brown was found guilty on both counts and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and work one year on the county roads. Both appealed to the Supreme court and gave bond.

We believe that as strong evidence can be secured against a dezen other persons and yet we wouldn't want to see any of them conicted on such evidence. Itwas not shown by even the shadow of evidence that either received money or other reward, therefore we can't see any motive. Certainly neither man would try to bring reproach upon the legislature that gave them their positions. On the other hand certain Democrats could have had two motives one to secure pay for the dirty work: the other to bring reproach upon the legislature. It is said that the bill it self came from Baltimore, that it was introduced by "request" and that cer tain North Carolinians lobbyed for it There was something mysterious about it from begining to finish.

Satterfield and Brown may be guilty We do not say that they are not. If keep the Landmark office warm, for In the Wake County Criminal Court so, they ought to be punished. But that paper has to call on its wood sub- last week Mrs. Arrington was fined others had more motives and stronger scribers to whack up every winter. \$25 for criminally libeling ex Judge ones. Others had as good or better That brings up the question of legisla- Whitaker. Barnes Brothers, the job opportunities. Again it might have been done by mistake. Such things are possible.

Both gentlemen proved good characters by witnesses from all parties. It York, hence the quantity of money department for helping to circulate the is said that it is better to let ninety nine able course, but it will fall. The peothere, while there is next to none in paper, also the paper mill that manu- guilty men escape than to punish one many other localities. But if all the factured the paper, and the manufac- innocent man. We think that will

> Court will do with the appeal. We think it possible to find errors in the case without impeaching the honesty of the jury, the veracity of the witnesses, or the legal ability of the Judge. But, of course, we do not pretend to be either a sage or a lawyer, and we may be mistaken.

SOME SOUND MONEY MEN.

The American Saving and Loan As sociation (sound) Minneapolis, Minn. is in the hands of a receiver. Money good in Yurrip" wouldn't save it.

The Western Carolina Lumber Comof a receiver. The assets will, of course bring some sound dollars.

Keen, Sutterlee & Co., leather deal ers, Philadelphia, Pa., have assigned. The liabilities will, it is said, reach the enormous sum of \$4,000,000. Amount sound money. John M. Fenlin, a large morocco merchant, failed on the same

Geo. Porter, a commission merchant, New York, committed suicide in a New York jail the other day. He was charged with passing a worthless check

E. Seidenburg, Steifel & Co., New York, cigar manufacturers, have assigned. They owe \$350,000 and claim to have \$500,000 worth of assets.

Perkins & Welsh, sugar and coffee trip to the famous ruins at Mitla D spent a good deal of time recently importers, New York, have failed. charging Senator Butler with being a They owe about \$500,000 (sound) The candidate for Presidential honors. Of rapidity with which the big firms are country this season. course this is a crime, and would be getting out of business by the little end punished with a heavy fine in some of of the horn exit leads us to believe that our North Carolina courts, if brought | they are well pleased with the gold standard policy, as it relieves them of papers will investigate just a little all their property and business cares. said: Kahn, Schoenbrun & Co, dealers in

> Company, Philadelphia, Pa., is causing sensations." Crookedness is the cause.

> right. The Standard Electric Company,

Honest money, of course, makes it all

also got left. The Old Judge Distilling Company, and made of this State a Republican that we could name the man or men Frankfort, Ky., has made an assignstronghold, and yet Mr. Cleveland who were responsible for the crime, ment. The whiskey trust and the The editorial quoted and commented National Bank monopoly is as thick as upon by the News and Observer says: peas in the pod, and yet the banks "But the rascal or rascals are un- didn't come to the rescue. The banks silver Democrat, and which action

> The Moonsocket Rubber Company, Democratic party) anyway." Of course at Millville, Mass., employing 1,000 we mean by that certain members of men, closed indefinitely Wednesday. Sound money don't buy rubber goods, The News and Observer has been nor any other kind of goods to any

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers.

The gold dollar market is steady and way up. The wheat market is also steady and way down.-Farmers'

Grover Cleveland was playing to the lowest characteristics of the commonest people when he published his jingo manifesto. - Exeter Penny Press.

The very fact that it takes bond issues, to sustain the gold standard, is all the argument that is needed against it.-Farmers' Outlook.

The whole of Venezuela is not worth as muck as London and its American pals have rebbed our people of during Cleveland's reign.—Appeal to Reason.

Does the policy of going deeper in debt have a tendency to restore confidence? Ask your merchant or grocer, Or perhaps you may solve the question in your own mind.-Missour

If you will study the money ques tion seriously you must be impressed with the fitness of the system for rob bing the people. It draws day and night from the earnings of labor and the profits of business.-Cleburns Herald.

The men who by greed and lack, conscience have accumulated million are the ones chosen by our govern ment to dictate the money system. is the same as employing the wolf t plan the defense of the sheep fold .-Cleburne Herald.

A paper in the Northwest says there is nothing wrong in a Federal judge riding in a private car. It holds that a railroad has a right to transport its own property in any kind of a car it sees fit.—Saturday Critic.

Why do the Democratic and Republican leaders dislike the Populist party and constantly watch to see what the People's party will do? For the sam reason that the thief watches every bush to assure himself that there is no constable there.—The Silver Knight,

Mr. Cleveland's message is jingoism pure and simple. He seeks, by a show of Americanism, to recover some of the ground lost to his party by his culp ple cannot be fooled by jingoism, and the future will very soon show that there is nothing else in the war talk We don't know what the Supreme of the president at this time. - Southern Mercury, Dallas, Tex.

> The goldbugs tell us that the farmer has no reason to complain of the fall in the prices of farm products, because other things have fallen also, and he can now buy as much with his crop a he ever could. That looks well of paper. But, when a farmer has to give 300 bushels of potatoes for a twenty dollar overcoat, he is rather inclined think that for some mysterious reason the law of compensation has no worked with perfect smoothness. National Bimetallist

Benjamin Johnson, of the firm Kendall & Whitlock, Philadelp stock broker, has skipped with \$14

Moore & McKenzie, Greensboro, N. C., dealers in clothing, have assigned Liabilities about \$6,000; assets said be about \$8,000.

JUDGE CLARK IN MEXICO.

We guess Judge Clark is gettip along all right in Mexico. The To Republics, the leading daily in the city of Mexico, says:

Judge Walter Clark, justice of the Supreme court of North Carolina. spending his winter vacation in Me ico. Judge Clark proposes to make fore returning. He is one of the mor intelligent men that has visited th

DIDN'T TELL ALL.

The Charlotte Observer of the 154

"Democrats are playing in hard luc in Kentucky. One Democrat legisl tor died the other day, which made th joint Assembly a tie or bare minority Now another Democratic legislator so sick that he cannot attend the s sions. To add to the general Dep cratic gloom in Kentucky the hed cratic mayor of Louisville has gon est died, placing the city in the control of Alas, poor colonels!"

The Observer ought to have to some more. It didn't say a word about the fourteen Democrats in the legis ture who declared they would not su port Senator Blackburn or any other would have defeated the Democrat candidate for Senator, even if Democratic legislator had lived. country has entirely too many D crats of the goldbug variety, for party to make any further heady It is doomed.